

Year 5 Newsletter—Advent

Welcome to Year 5!

I hope you all had a great summer and managed some well deserved family time. Year 5 is a very important year and I know you will support me in giving your child the very best they deserve. Below I have briefly outlined what we will be learning this half term.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's happiness and education please feel free to contact me via Dojo, speak to me in the play-ground before or after school or call the school office to arrange a phone call.

Many thanks

Mrs Fraser



English

Writing

This half term we will be looking at the text *The Odyssey* and writing speeches, diary entries, dialogue and many other text styles leading to a final adventure story. We will also be looking at the text *Hidden Figures* which will lead to writing non-chronological reports, formal persuasive letters and character descriptions to name a few.

Grammar

We will be getting ready to write by looking back at pronouns, expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials, plural and possessive apostrophes and direct and indirect speech before learning about relative pronouns and clauses.

Spelling

Attached is a copy of this half terms spellings which children will be tested on each Friday. At St Peter's we follow the 'Words their way' spelling scheme therefore activities based on the spellings set will be carried out daily.

Reading

Our guided reading text this half term is '*Atticus and the Ancient Greeks*', alongside our weekly guided reading text your child will be taught the skills they need to become a reflective and competent reader in a discrete reading comprehension session. Reading books will be sent home and it is expected that your child reads regularly, to an adult, even if they are a competent reader. Please record this in their reading record books and provide an adult signature. We will also visit the school library on Friday mornings, where your child can select a book to read for pleasure. If your child wishes to change their library book please ensure it is in school on this day.

Maths

We will start the half term by looking at Roman Numerals to 1,000 before moving on to reading and writing, comparing, partitioning and putting numbers to 1,000,000 on a number line, We will also understand powers to 10 and rounding numbers within 1,000,000.

Weekly times tables and mental maths test will continue on a Friday.

Science

Forces - explore that unsupported objects fall to the Earth because of the force gravity, identify the effects of resistance and friction and recognise that levers and pulleys allow for a smaller force to have a greater effect.

RE

Ourselves - Each person is made in the image and likeness of God. To know and to appreciate that our value and uniqueness is central to our wellbeing.

Life Choices - Through Baptism the Christian is called to a life of holiness and to the mission of spreading The Good News.

PE

PE will take place on a Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning, please make sure full PE kit is in school on these days and earrings can be removed.

Dodgeball—Physical: throw, catch, dodge, block. Social: co-operation, respect, communication. Emotional: confidence, honesty, independence. Thinking: tactics, comprehension, observation, creativity.

OAA—Physical: balance, co-ordination, run at speed, run over distance. Social: negotiation, communication, leadership, work safely. Emotional: empathy, confidence, resilience. Thinking: problem solving, reflect, critical thinking, select and apply, comprehension

Music

Pulse - Maintaining a sense of pulse creating simple rhythmic pieces.

Computing

E-safety - Continue to understand how to use technology safely, understand Spam, learn how to create powerful passwords and learn about false photography.

Scratch - Continue to learn how to design, write and debug programmes to accomplish a specific goal and use logical reasoning to explain simple algorithms.

History

Ancient Greece - Locate Greece, learn about Greek Gods and Goddesses, Athens and Sparta, Gaily Life in Ancient Greece, the Olympic Games and the Battle of Marathon.

Art and D/T

Making Greek clay plates and pencil sketches of Medusa using the grid method.

French

As-tu animal? (Do you have a pet) - Developing vocabulary on different pets and learn how to have a conversation about animals.

PSHE

Difference and Diversity - Recognising the factors that make people different.

Being Me - Exploring different kinds of responsibilities.

Dates for the diary

Thursday 12th September - Whole School Mass - Church - 9.30am

Friday 15th September - Year 5 AOW - School hall - 9.15am

Tuesday 24th & Thursday 26th September - Parents Evening

Friday 18th October - School closes for Half Term